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**Wednesday's Notebook****BREAKING NEWS**

ACCORDING TO CNN, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT GATES ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ALLOW NAVY WOMEN TO SERVE ABOARD SUBMARINES.

**SPORTS**

THE LADY BISON CONTINUE THEIR STREAK, WINNING A FOURTH GAME AGAINST BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY LAST MONDAY.

**WELLNESS**

TWO COMMON PERSONALITY DISORDERS ARE APPEARING ON CAMPUS. WHAT IS HU DOING TO CURB THEM?

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Joseph Emmanuel and other panelists discussed the issues regarding the legalization of marijuana.

## Marijuana Panel Discussion Blazes Legalization Debate

BRITTANY JACKSON  
Continuing Writer

The California Student Association organized a panel discussion yesterday in order to address the historical, social and economic implications associated with the consumption and trade of marijuana within the United States.

As a large crowd of Howard students and spectators gathered in Drew Hall Lounge, the room filled with excitement before the discussion of a highly publicized and controversial topic throughout the U.S., marijuana.

Moderator Andrew Jones, a senior legal communications major, engaged several panelists to address candidly the topic of marijuana, starting off by asking why marijuana is considered taboo. The panel included Joseph Emmanuel, special assistant to the dean of the Office of Residence Life, Dr. Cordell Richardson, director of Judicial Affairs, Pendarvis Harshaw, a senior telecommunications major, Davani Durette, a senior marketing major, and Charles Perkins, a junior economics major.

Durette said that marijuana has been linked to unproductive

behavior, and "most people don't want to bring that attention to themselves." Perkins explained that white southerners have had an issue with Mexican immigrants importing drugs and that this was the "catalyst used to police drug influx and diminish Mexican efforts and profit."

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the annual death rate associated with the use of marijuana is zero, and 75 percent of marijuana users never use any other drug. Despite these facts, the social implications involved with the trade of marijuana are evident. The impact marijuana has on the community can be seen in terms of competition which breeds conflict and is enacted in the form of violent crimes. According to Harshaw, the "criminal element can be decreased through legalization and regulation." Dr. Richardson, who handles the instances of marijuana possession on Howard's campus, said the university has a zero tolerance policy of uncontrolled substances, but his goal, however, is to "educate students about the dangers and hazardous effects of the drug, not to be punitive."

In terms of legalization,

freshman civil engineering major Robert Bramble said, "If it is proven to really help people with medical conditions, then it should be legalized, but for those who use recreationally, people will still continue to use in an illegal way."

From an economic standpoint, the panelists agreed that one of reasons marijuana has not been legalized is that state and local governments profit tremendously from incarcerated peddlers and users of marijuana. Although some factors including safety and realizing marijuana's true medicinal value are in question, the contradiction lies in the billions of dollars spent on the war on drugs when tens of thousands of people are convicted for the offense. Thus, the task of controlling the flow of marijuana is a difficult one, because it is readily available and widely accessible.

The panelists concluded by inferring that people must educate themselves about the uses of marijuana to find fulfillment in whatever they do. They deemed it important for people not to forget those who have their best interest at heart. People who use marijuana should do so in moderation, remembering to make healthy and conscious decisions.

## Campus Safety Shows Progress

LAUREN GASPARD  
Staff Writer

Howard University Campus Police have been working tirelessly during the last three weeks, ensuring the safety of students during the biggest blizzard of the school year.

Chief Leroy K. James of HUPD said that he is proud of the job that Campus Police did during the storm and throughout the semester. "Fortunately for us, we didn't have many incidents of crime during the blizzard," James said. "We did not have any calls for crime over the blizzard, but more so emergency management."

James and his officers not only helped students and faculty to travel safely despite hazardous condition but also delivered food to dorms such as Meridian Hill Hall for students that could not travel to the main campus to eat.

James is pleased with an overall decrease in crime since the start of the spring semester. Since Jan. 1, 2010, crime on-campus has gone down 70 percent

in comparison to last year. "A reduction in crime has never occurred before," he said. "I think most of it comes from students, faculty and staff being more aware of their surroundings."

James attributes most of the decrease to the recently installed blue-light system, the guardian service and the AlertHU system, which has kept students more aware of their safety. The AlertHU system was used extensively during the blizzard to inform students about school cancellations and weather updates. "Before I came here, we didn't have an alert system as robust as we have now," James said. "And if we did have one, it was not as effective as this one has been."

The system's effectiveness was demonstrated again yesterday when a message went out to notify the students and faculty that the Howard University Service Center was being evacuated after a suspicious letter with strange handwriting was found in the mail room of the Service Center. "We

took immediate action," James said. "I was actually sending out AlertHU messages in my truck through my computer."

HUPD plans to push more crime prevention activities prior to Spring Break to encourage students to still keep their safety at the forefront. James said that Howard University should be proud of the progress that is being made in terms of safety. "We are doing great in terms of crime [prevention]," he said. "We're blessed. I really thank the students."



Courtesy of Howard.edu

Chief Leroy K. James of the Howard University Police Department is confident in the effectiveness of AlertHU.

## Clinton Initiative Helps Howard Students Impact World



Photo courtesy of CGI U

Founded in 2007, the Clinton Global Initiative University facilitates dialogue between individuals dedicated to improving world issues.

LAUREN GASPARD  
Staff Writer

Howard University is known for breeding the best and brightest leaders of the global community.

In some cases, students choose to use what they've learned to serve and make a difference in the world where they see fit.

Former President Bill Clinton created a program in

2007 that allows students to do just that. The Clinton Global Initiative University is designed to engage student leaders from all across the country, in hopes of bringing each one together to make a difference. For the past three years, CGI U held annual conferences uniting students, professors, business professionals and celebrities together for a discussion on how each can make the world a better place. A couple of Howard students have been privileged to attend the conference in the past, and this year is no exception.

The CGI U meeting will be held at the University of Miami from April 16 - April 18. Howard student Michael Henderson, a philosophy major, was accepted to attend the conference. Students who wish to attend must apply and include a Commitment to Action, a written plan to take specific action

on how he or she can make the world a better place. Applications closed this week.

During the conference, more than 1,200 attendees will engage in discussion on the five focus areas of CGI U: Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation and Public Health. Hannah Clark Steinman, the communications manager for the CGI U, said that the conference "exposes students to global leaders, and often plays an essential role in helping them develop innovative, world-changing projects."

Corey Briscoe, a junior political science major, had the opportunity to attend the conference in previous years. Briscoe said the conference is amazing, and it is especially enlightening that the African-American attendees are able to address the issues of the

black community.

"You are there with the brightest and most dedicated students in the world," Briscoe said. "There is a [fair] percentage of African Americans that attend, but those that do attend step up to the plate and address global concerns that affect our people."

Briscoe encourages students with a vested interest in humanitarianism and global issues to apply to the program.

"The conference is an opportunity for students dedicated to leadership to compile ideas and problem solve the issues of our world," Briscoe said. "It was here where myself and several colleagues came up with the idea of a non-profit to combat the issues of our society. The conference is truly a life-changing experience."



## Lady Bison Dominate, Men Drop a Tough One



BY ROYCE STRAHAN  
Sports Editor

The Lady Bison continued their dominance, winning 59-53 Monday in a MEAC (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) game at Ocean Center against Bethune-Cookman.

Freshman guard Saadiya Doyle scored 14 of her 18 total points in the second half while Zykia Brown contributed 10 points.

Doyle recorded her 17th double-double of the season for the Lady Bison who brought their record to 14-12 overall and 9-5 in the MEAC.

The men lost their third in a row, 50-44, against the Bethune-Cookman attack. Mike Phillips was high scorer for the Bison with 7 points coming off the bench.

The team made a comeback in the second half but Bethune-Cookman men kept control of the game for the win.

The Bison are now 7-21 overall and 6-8 in the MEAC.

The Lady Bison look to continue their dominance against Maryland Eastern Shore Saturday at 2 p.m. while the men look to end their losing streak at 4 p.m.



Lady Bison Saadiya Doyle racked up her 17th double-double in Monday's game.

The men's team lost 50-44 in a battle against their MEAC opponents.

## Sports Throwback Photo



Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige was famous for his dramatic wind-up. Paige was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971 after a successful career in the Negro Leagues and the Major Leagues where he played 40 years in total.

## Remaining Basketball Schedule

Sat 27 Maryland Eastern Shore (Senior Day)  
Washington, D.C. 2 PM 14-12  
(9-5) March

Thu 4 at Hampton  
Hampton, Va. 6 PM 14-12 (9-5)

Mon 8 at MEAC Tournament  
Winston-Salem, N.C. TBA 14-12  
(9-5)

Tue 9 at MEAC Tournament  
Winston-Salem, N.C. TBA 14-12  
(9-5)

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Winston-Salem, N.C. TBA 14-12  
(9-5)

Thu 11 at MEAC Tournament  
Winston-Salem, N.C. TBA 14-12  
(9-5)

## Sports Trivia!

Who holds the record for the most rebounds in a single game in the NBA?

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February 24, 1987

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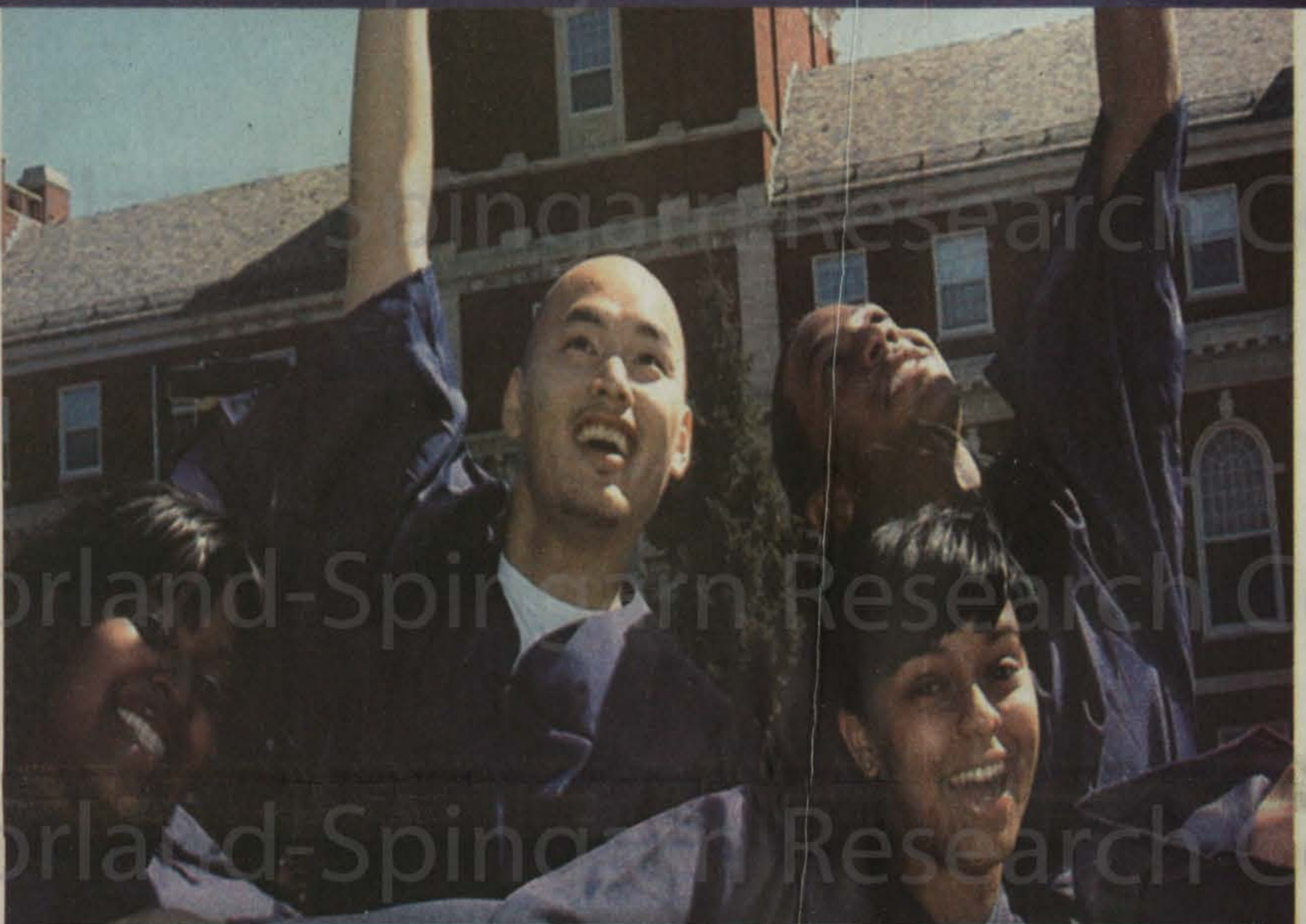
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## An Apple a Day



BY NAYA SCARBROUGH  
Wellness Editor

It's a shame that we look at counseling as a bad thing. Counseling is nothing more than a conversation about what is going on in your life and how you feel about it.

We disclose how we feel about less important occurrences all the time. "I feel like she shouldn't be wearing those jeans," or "I feel like someone should have talked to him before he put that picture on Facebook." What about the feelings that are affecting how we behave?

There are much deeper, more serious things we need to express. Counseling is an option, a great option, but some of us just may not be ready to sit in a peaceful environment with someone who is interested in what you have to say.

You're not ready to talk about who you really are and not be judged; to talk about how you really feel like we are the best thing to ever happen to Howard's campus and that it's only a matter of time before one of these buildings is going to be named after you. Who else could you tell that to without being judged?

Maybe you're not ready to express to someone how everyday you feel like you're at your breaking point; being the first in your family to be on the verge of graduating college is way much more pressure than you ever anticipated.

Maybe you're too afraid of being seen at the counseling center that you won't go talk about that recurring dream that keeps you up at night, or those thoughts that come every night and keep you awake just when you get in that good spot in your bed.

Maybe you're not ready to talk to someone who knows what they're doing, but you should talk to someone. A friend, a family member, a professor you feel comfortable with, an advisor. Someone will listen. Someone will help you ease the load and help you to feel a whole lot better. It's even possible that the person you choose to talk to has been through what you're going through and will have the words of advice that you need.

It's better to get it out—whatever it is. It's just not worth you blowing up at someone in a group meeting, or yelling at that professor who gave you a questionable grade on a paper or cursing out the dude at the Punch Out who decided to go on break just as you were about to place your order and refers you to the Chick-fil-A line that hasn't moved in ten minutes. Let it out before it finds its way out.

When you find that person you can confide in, share yourself with them. Don't be surprised if they, in turn, confide in you as well, and keep what you say in confidence. You will probably find that you will grow closer with the person you confide in and even grow closer with yourself.

Maybe you're not ready to talk to a professional today, but it's better to talk to someone rather than keep it inside. Who knows, maybe one day you and your confidant can walk to the counseling center together. Remember, you don't have to do it alone.

Alive and Well,

Naya!

# Howard Becomes a Breeding Ground For Common Personality Disorders

BY JESSICA BATISTE  
Contributing Writer

The two most common personality disorders on Howard University's campus are narcissistic personality disorder and borderline personality disorder.

Ayana Watkins-Northern, Ph.D. acting dean/ director counseling and career development at Howard University, and Dr. Marcus Hummings, coordinator of extern and practicum training at Howard University's Counseling Service found these disorders to be most prevalent on campus through their years of treating personality disorders.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) defines borderline personality disorder as instability in several areas including interpersonal relationships, behavior, mood and self-image and narcissistic personality disorder as an exaggerated sense of self-importance, fantasies of unlimited success and the seeking of constant attention. Hummings said today's world breeds personality disorders.

"In our society there is more pressure on younger people. We live in an individualistic, achievement-oriented, very demanding society," said Hummings.

Teni-ola Ogunjobi, senior broadcast journalism major, said Howard breeds these personality disorders, especially narcissistic personality disorder. She said a lot of people at Howard create an image for themselves. "You should take notice of the people you met on the first day of school and see how they are at the end of their time at Howard. They have been 'Howardized'," said Ogunjobi.

Almost one in five college age adults has a personality disorder that interferes with everyday life, according to the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Personality disorders are long-term patterns of thoughts and behaviors that cause serious problems with relationships and work, according to the NIH. People with personality disorders have difficulty dealing with everyday stresses and problems. They often have stormy relationships with other people.

Watkins-Northern said, "It's not just some problematic behavior;



Narcissistic and borderline personality disorders affect Howard students and are socially-induced, not hereditary.

it's not just reaction to emotional stress, but a fixed part of how a person sees the world." She said some reasons personality disorders form is due to intrusions in the developmental process starting with infancy like major neglect, abuse and other catastrophic events.

Hummings said most research suggests that personality disorders are not hereditary, but rather social, emotional and environmental factors contribute to the development of personality disorders.

People with personality disorders should seek help and professional treatment. A study done by the New York State Psychiatric Institute found that only 25 percent of college-aged Americans with mental problems get treatment.

Watkins-Northern said, "Mental health is terribly misunderstood by our culture. Everyone should seek help. Every part of your health should be attended to and requires that you give it some attention." She said taking care of mental health should be as normal as a dental appointment. Samantha Turner, senior marketing major, agrees with

Watkins-Northern that counseling and mental health is largely misunderstood, especially in the black community. "If you have an issue, you work it out on your own. People in the black community don't think it's a real issue," said Turner.

Watkins-Northern stressed the point that you don't have to be "crazy" or have severe symptoms to get counseling. "Sometimes we normalize our feelings day-to-day. Maybe you feel discouraged or frustrated. You don't have to feel that way."

Hummings recognizes the stigma associated with getting counseling or therapy and said the University Counseling Service seeks to destigmatize the negative image. One way they do this is through the location of the counseling center, which is in the C.B. Powell Building. "It's centralized here where people go in and out so students don't feel like they are going to the only building where there's a therapist," Hummings said. "Our staff teaches so students could be visiting their teacher; students may be here for a variety of reasons. We try to create a comfortable atmosphere for

students to come."

Turner said she doesn't view therapy as bad. "I had to go because my parents were going through a custody battle. It was court ordered. I was 13 years old and couldn't vent to my parents because they wouldn't be objective," said Turner. "I'm going to see this guy and he's going to ask me about my parents. I didn't spill my guts to him."

Ogunjobi said she doesn't think it's a negative thing to seek counseling. She said she did not go to therapy when she felt it was necessary because of time conflicts. "My mom died freshman year of college. I know I needed to talk to somebody and three years later I still need to talk to someone," Ogunjobi confided.

Hummings said even if individuals do not want to come to counseling they should feel balanced. He says this isn't the only type of personal work people can do. "Spiritual work, any type of introspective work is a start to understanding the self," said Hummings.

## What You Don't Know Is...

The truth about stress in your life

Excessive stress can cause many interruptions to everyday life, including lack of sleep, erectile dysfunction, headache, bodily pains, lack of appetite and other unnecessary interruptions.

Stress can interfere with your personal relationships and even negatively affect your schoolwork and performance.

When stressed, men are more likely to fight or run from a situation while women are more likely to take care of people around them or make new friends.

Stress can also interfere with your bowel movements, making them much more frequent or far and few between.

Information courtesy of WebMD.com

- Compiled by Naya Scarbrough,  
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Nicolette McClendon - Cartoonist

## State of Government Disappoints Citizens

Recently, well-known Democratic Senator of Indiana, Evan Bayh, announced that he wouldn't be running for re-election this campaign season, rationalizing his unexpected retirement plans by explaining to a confused public that he has loved his time serving his constituents of Indiana - but conversely hasn't loved his time with Congress.

Bayh explained to a media audience that the "partisan gridlock" plaguing American politics has made his position as senator less gratifying, and that he doesn't want to re-run simply for the "sake of winning an election."

He may have stayed true to his values by refraining to run for re-election, but the exclusion of a rare politician with the gumption to openly reprove and disagree from the political process obviously won't be beneficial to a positive turnaround in terms of what Bayh referred to as America's "partisan gridlock."

Democratic senators aren't the only ones recognizing a recent difference in the effectiveness of the American political process.

A recent study by CNN

showed that a whopping 86 percent of Americans polled feel that our government system is broken and ineffective. Of that 86 percent, five percent of Americans feel the system is wrecked beyond repair.

This reveals a bleak outlook for not only those

retary of state for the state of Indiana.

According to a written statement issued by President Obama, he has "fought tirelessly for Indiana's working families, reaching across the aisle on issues ranging from job creation and economic growth to fiscal responsibility and national security."

So what has the nation come to when not only its constituents but also its leaders have reached the same negative determination - that our government is so beyond repair that it's better to simply remain uninvolved? This apathetic, and somewhat

hopeless, attitude opens the door to a much larger issue. It's about time someone stood up and publicly admitted that American government and politics are in need of repair.

With any hope, this will open the eyes of other politicians, as well as average Americans, and nudge them into the pathway toward a positive and beneficial turnaround. If anything comes from this, let it be the revamping of a declining political process.

### Our View:

*It's about time someone recognized the faults of our government.*

well versed in the detailed political process, but the average citizen as well. The American people feel the government deserves a failing grade. Obviously, at least one member of our national government feels the same way - strongly enough to permanently and totally remove himself from politics.

Bayh, whose father once served as senator of Indiana, has a rich legacy in politics on both a statewide and national scale, previously serving as governor and sec-

## Perspective Election Anarchy

As I watch the progression of student elections, or lack thereof, I am overwhelmed with disgust toward the incompetence of so called student leaders and the structure and integrity of election events.

As the former Chairman of the General Assembly and current Director of Student Advocacy, I understand what it takes to tackle the everyday issues of Howard University, and I am sad to say that most of the candidates are not equipped to fight the challenges they will soon face.

After attending all the speak outs thus far, I have witnessed candidates who are uninformed, misinformed, and not in touch with the requirements of the position

they seek.

To add insult to injury, candidates chose to resort to cheap shots at their opponents to make up for their lack of preparation and personal merit.

At the COAS speak out in particular, the behavior displayed by panelists, candidates, and a select few supporters is the exact reason why many students choose not to become involved with student government. This can account for the miserable performance and the subpar selection of candidates during this election cycle.

The truth is this: those who find this offensive are the guilty parties. I WILL NOT parse my words for their lack of competence. It infuriates me to watch them

squander our student money on trivial events and stipends, even as those same students are purged every semester.

However, there remain those candidates who embody the essence of the Howard legacy, like Erin Keith, who stood up in the absence of her running mate. It is these student leaders who keep the faith and kindle the fires of true advocacy. I personally charge you to challenge the individuals who you are electing to serve you, and not the other way around.

Corey Briscoe,  
junior  
political science  
major

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